

What is claimed is:

1. A method of preparing an imaging device for use, comprising:
detecting a potential user of the imaging device;
beginning an initialization of the imaging device in response, at least in part, to
detecting the potential user.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a potential user of the imaging device
comprises detecting that a person has entered a facility housing the imaging
device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein detecting a potential user of the imaging device
further comprises determining an identity of the person who entered the facility
and deciding whether the person is a potential user based on their identity.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether the potential user of the imaging device is a likely user of
the imaging device; and
beginning the initialization of the imaging device only when the potential user
of the imaging device is a likely user of the imaging device.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein a potential user of the imaging device is a
likely user of the imaging device after a predetermined time delay from
detecting the approach of the potential user.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the predetermined time delay is dependent
upon a location of where the potential user was detected relative to a location of
the imaging device or to a location of an access device associated with the
potential user.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein a potential user of the imaging device cannot be a likely user of the imaging device unless detection of the potential user of the imaging device was expected.
8. The method of claim 4, wherein determining whether the potential user of the imaging device is a likely user of the imaging device further comprises evaluating past behaviors of the potential user.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein past behaviors include at least one behavior selected from the group consisting of an average time delay between detecting the potential user and use of the imaging device by the potential user; an occurrence rate of uses of the imaging device per detection of the potential user; an occurrence rate of detections of the potential user; a behavior of the potential user associated with a particular day corresponding to the day of detecting the potential user; and a behavior of the potential user associated with a particular time of day corresponding to the time of day of detecting the potential user.
10. The method of claim 4, wherein determining whether the potential user of the imaging device is a likely user of the imaging device further comprises determining whether detection of the potential user was expected.
11. A system, comprising:
a network;
at least one imaging device in communication with the network;
at least one sensor in communication with the network and adapted to detect a potential user of one or more of the imaging devices; and
a management facility in communication with the network, the at least one imaging device and the at least one sensor;
wherein the management facility is adapted to initialize one or more of the imaging devices in response to a predefined criteria; and
wherein the predefined criteria comprises at least whether a sensor indicates detection of a potential user.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the at least one sensor comprises at least one sensor selected from the group consisting of a facility access control device, a motion detector, a pressure switch, a magnetic switch, a trip beam, and a proximity sensor.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein the facility access control device is selected from the group consisting of a magnetic media reader, a holographic reader, a transponder detector, a barcode scanner, a fingerprint scanner and a retinal scanner.
14. The system of claim 11, wherein the predefined criteria further comprises a length of time after a sensor indicates detection of a potential user.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein the length of time is dependent upon which sensor indicated detection of a potential user.
16. The system of claim 11, wherein the predefined criteria further comprises an indication of a likelihood that the potential user might desire to use the imaging device.
17. The system of claim 16, wherein the indication of a likelihood that the potential user might desire to use the imaging device includes at least one indication selected from the group consisting of a past behavior of the potential user; a day of the week that the sensor indicated detection of the potential user; an identity of the potential user; a location of the sensor indicating detection of the potential user relative to a location of an imaging device to be initialized; a location of the sensor indicating detection of the potential user relative to a location of an access device associated with the potential user; and an identity of other potential users already detected.

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18. A computer-usable media having computer-readable instructions stored thereon capable of causing a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:
receiving a first signal indicative of a presence of a potential user of an imaging device;
determining whether the potential user of the imaging device is a likely user of the imaging device; and
providing a second signal directed to the imaging device and adapted to begin an initialization of the imaging device if it is determined that the potential user is a likely user.
 19. The computer-usable media of claim 18, wherein, in the method, the first signal is further indicative of a location of the potential user when the presence of the potential user was detected.
 20. The computer-usable media of claim 18, wherein, in the method, the first signal is further indicative of a time when the presence of the potential user was detected.